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**TO:** Cindi Yates, Director  
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Local Officials, Fire Protection Administrators, and  
Library District Administrators in the Thermal Electric  
Generating Facilities Impact Area

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**SUBJECT: POPULATION ESTIMATES FOR THE 2005 DISTRIBUTION OF  
THERMAL ELECTRIC GENERATING FACILITIES TAX PROCEEDS**

Population estimates for incorporated places, unincorporated areas, fire protection districts, and library districts within the thermal electric generating facilities impact area are attached. These population estimates should be used for the 2005 distribution of tax proceeds from the thermal electric generating facilities in accordance with RCW 54.28.055. A map of the thermal electric generating facilities impact area, as defined by RCW 54.28.010(7), is also attached.

**Estimate Procedures 2005**

The Office of Financial Management (OFM) uses the Small Area Estimates Program data for the 2005 Thermal Electric Generating Facility Impacted Area population estimates. This new program generates population figures from building permits and demolitions, average persons per household, and occupancy rates. However, it differs from prior procedure in that housing is updated at the block/blockgroup level using geocoded building permits, assessor data and postal statistics. *This procedure captures the housing and population growth in small areas that had no population or housing in the 2000 counts making it particularly suited for special area estimates.* When blocks are split by boundary lines, population is distributed based on the proportion of the census block within the specific district. Fire and Library District boundaries are derived from the 2005 Department of Revenue property tax boundaries, current to March 2005.

## Population Data

The population figures shown in Tables 1 through 3 were developed using block level population counts for the 2000 federal census Public Law 94-171 redistricting counts and OFM's official April 1, 2004 population estimates for cities, towns, counties, and small areas. City boundaries were adjusted to include all annexations through February 28, 2005.

Definitions for the population of incorporated places, unincorporated areas, fire protection districts, and library districts are identical to those used for the past ten years. Library district populations shown in Table 3 reflect the population within library district boundaries as defined in RCW 27.12.010(4) through RCW 27.12.010(7), which specifically exclude any incorporated population within library district boundaries.

## Annexations

Population growth, fueled by a strong economy in the Tri-Cities area has made the Thermal Electric Generating Facility Impacted Area one of the fastest growing regions in the state. Annexations of 249 persons in Pasco and 386 persons in Kennewick were not enough to offset unincorporated population gains experienced by most Fire and Library Districts.

If you have any questions regarding these figures, please contact Mike Mohrman at (360) 902-0602 / [mike.mohrman@ofm.wa.gov](mailto:mike.mohrman@ofm.wa.gov) or Kyle Reese-Cassal at (360) 902-9815 / [kyle.reese-cassal@ofm.wa.gov](mailto:kyle.reese-cassal@ofm.wa.gov). You can find the Thermal Electric Generating Facility Impacted Area Population Estimates on our website at <http://www.ofm.wa.gov/pop/special/neba/index.htm#2005>.

## Attachments

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